

Whereas, although dredging and maintenance of the seaway system is financed by the users, financing of the new Sault Ste. Marie Lock (owned and operated by United States Army Corps of Engineers) will be shared by the federal government and the eight seaway states on a prorated tonnage basis, requiring an estimated \$18 million from the state to be paid over a 50-year period; and

Whereas, the inland waterway system moves 17 million tons of bulk commodities annually between Minnesota and the eastern seaboard and Gulf states, including approximately 10 million tons of agricultural products exported through gulf ports; and

Whereas, dredging and maintenance costs of the inland waterway are paid out of federal funds, and financing of capital improvements to the inland waterway system is 50 percent from federal funds and 50 percent from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, funded by a 20 cent per gallon fuel tax paid by waterway shippers; and

Whereas, the river industry has been taxed on fuel since 1980, and since the Inland Waterways Trust Fund was instituted in 1986, the Upper Mississippi River basin has contributed 40 percent of the funds and received only 15 percent return for capital improvements, making the Upper Midwest a tax donor region to the Ohio River valley and others; and

Whereas, the Port Development Assistance Program is the vehicle to rehabilitate Minnesota's public ports on the Mississippi River and Lake Superior; and

Whereas, this program updates and improves the operation and efficiency of the ports to keep them viable and competitive; and

Whereas, the 1996, 1998, and 2000 Minnesota legislatures appropriated funds for this program, and the 2001 legislature will be requested to appropriate an additional \$3 million to this program: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Minnesota Legislature supports Minnesota's pro rata participation in financing new construction at the Sault Ste. Marie Lock. Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature formally recognizes the Upper Mississippi River as a river of statewide significance for natural, navigational, and recreational benefits. Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature recognizes the critical habitat restoration and rehabilitation needs on the Upper Mississippi River. Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature recognizes the importance of inland waterway transportation to Minnesota agriculture and to the economy of the state, the region, and the nation and urges Congress to authorize funding to improve transportation efficiency and restore the ecological values of the Upper Mississippi River System. Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature supports the continued funding of the Port Development Assistance Program in recognition of the essential and fundamental contribution the Great Lakes and inland waterway transportation systems make to Minnesota's economy and to sustainable environmental programs. Be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and Infrastructure, and Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.

POM-93. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota relative to amending the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Whereas, numerous railroad employees have served their country honorably and well in various branches of the armed forces for periods in excess of 20 years; and

Whereas, these military veterans receive military retirement pay as partial compensation for their long military service; and

Whereas, if these veterans work for non-military employers they can become eligible for state unemployment benefits in case of layoff and for workers' compensation in case of injury; and

Whereas, the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (United States Code, title 45, section 354(a-1)(ii)) prohibits payment of railroad unemployment benefits or railroad sickness benefits to otherwise eligible railroad employees who are receiving military retirement pay for 20 years or more of military service: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, That it petitions the United States Congress to promptly amend the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act to allow railroad employees collecting military retirement pay to also be eligible for railroad unemployment and sickness benefits if they otherwise meet the qualifications of these benefit programs. Be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United States, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1006. A bill to provide for the energy security of the United States and promote environmental quality by enhancing the use of motor vehicle fuels from renewable sources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 1007. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat gold, silver, and platinum, in either coin or bar form, in the same manner as stocks and bonds for purposes of the maximum capital gains rate for individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BYRD (for himself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1008. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to develop the United States Climate Change Response Strategy with the goal of stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system, while minimizing adverse short-term and long-term economic and social impacts, aligning the Strategy with United States energy policy, and promoting a sound national environmental policy, to establish a research and

development program that focuses on bold technological breakthroughs that make significant progress toward the goal of stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations, to establish the National Office of Climate Change Response within the Executive Office of the President, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. Res. 107. A resolution congratulating the people of Peru on the occasion of their democratic elections on June 3, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. REED, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. Res. 108. A resolution recognizing National Homeownership Week and the importance of homeownership to building strong communities and families in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. REED, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. Con. Res. 48. A concurrent resolution recognizing Habitat for Humanity International for its work in helping families in the United States to realize the dream of homeownership; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 37

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability.

S. 283

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 283, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage.

S. 508

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 508, a bill to authorize the